Mr. B. M. Peter *(Latin Christians-Mattancheri):* May I know how many lorries are there?

Mr. C. J. Mathew *(Joint Secretary to Government):* I think they have got a big lorry which may contain any number of these buckets.

Mr. B. M. Peter *(Latin Christians-Mattancheri):* Do the Government think that it is sufficient?

Mr. C. J. Mathew *(Joint Secretary to Government):* It is sufficient. There has been no complaint that it is insufficient.

DELAY IN HARVESTING—DAMAGE TO CROPS

108. Mr. K. Narayana Menon *(Mulakunnathukavu):* Will Government be pleased to state.—

(*a*) whether any crops, Kole or Puncha were delayed in harvest due to the orders of the Government in this behalf;

(*b*) whether any crops has been lost or damaged as a consequence of the delay;

(*c*) if the answer to (*b*) is in the affirmative whether Government have enquired into this matter?

Mr. A. Madhava Prabhu *(Diwan Peishkar):* (*a*) No.

(*b*) No.

(*c*) The question does not arise, in view of the answer to (*b*).

Mr. K. Narayana Menon *(Mulakunnathukavu):* May I know whether any orders have been issued by the Commissioner to the effect that sanction should be obtained before the crops are harvested?

Mr. M. M. Paul *(Director of Food Supplies):* No orders have been issued.

Mr. A. L. Antony *(Irinjalakkuda):* Is it necessary that orders should be taken before the harvest, or that information alone is to be given.

Mr. M. M. Paul *(Director of Food Supplies):* Only information.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Vadakkancheri):* After information is given, is it not your order to the effect that the cultivator has to subject himself to the directions of either the Tahsildar or his deputies?

Mr. M. M. Paul *(Director of Food Supplies):* If any direction is given, then it may be complied with.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Vadakkancheri):* The order is to the effect that "you shall give notice and subject yourself to the directions of the Tahsildar or his deputies".

Mr. M. M. Paul *(Director of Food Supplies):* That is if any direction is given.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Vadakkancheri):* The practice is, the village Menon comes and says "you must give me a kaichit that so many paras should be given to me".

Mr. M. M. Paul *(Director of Food Supplies):* No such complaint has been received.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Vadakkancheri):* Will you do well to rectify this?

Mr. M. M. Paul *(Director of Food Supplies):* Yes.

Mr. President: If there is anything like that, it will be rectified.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Vadakkancheri):* If this is the way in which the things are being done, I request Government to rectify it, because the harvest is at our doors now.

Mr. A. L. Antony *(Irinjalakkuda):* Are the Government aware that these Parvathyams are objecting to reap the harvest before giving a statement?

Mr. M. M. Paul *(Director of Food Supplies):* No. The statement is just to ascertain the approximate yield, not as a matter of compulsion.

Mr. A. L. Antony *(Irinjalakkuda):* Will you be pleased to issue an order to these Parvathyams that they should not object, so that the crops may be harvested, and the next crops raised?

Mr. V. K. Bhaskara Menon *(Cranganur):* May I know whether the Parvathyams were reaping the harvest? It would seem from the discussion that the Parvathyams are reaping the harvest.

ERIES IN CHITTUR TALUK—PARTICULARS OF

109. Mr. T. S. Ramachandra Ayyar *(Chittur-Tattamangalam):* Will Government be pleased to state.—

(*a*) the number of private "eries" (ഏരി) under (*a*) Mulathura system (*b*) the Thembaramadaku system (*c*) the Kunnamkattupathi system and (*d*) the Nurnee system, which have been assessed as (1) double crop nilam (2) as single crop nilam and (3) as paramba during the settlement. (The categories under each system to be shown separately);

(*b*) the number of "eries" assessed as (1) single crop nilam and (2) as paramba and later on used as land and not as ഏരി?

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Mr. A. Madhava Prabhu *(Diwan Peishkar):* It has not been possible to collect the information in the time available.

Mr. T. S. Ramachandra Ayyar *(Chittur-Tattamangalam):* Has anything been done to collect the information ?

Mr. A. Madhava Prabhu *(Diwan Peishkar):* Orders have been issued and they are collecting the information.

Mr. T. S. Ramachandra Ayyar *(Chittur-Tattamangalam):* Are the Government aware that many of the reservoirs assessed as nilams or parambas as the case may be, have been converted into nilams and cultivated ?

Mr. A. Madhava Prabhu *(Diwan Peishkar):* Plenty of them have been converted into nilams.

Mr. T. S. Ramachandra Ayyar *(Chittur-Tattamangalam):* Are the Government aware that such conversions of reservoirs into nilams have increased the pressure on our irrigation systems ?

Mr. A. Madhava Prabhu *(Diwan Peishkar):* Yes. Government are aware.

Mr. T. S. Ramachandra Ayyar *(Chittur-Tattamangalam):* Why is it that the Government have not collected the information till now. Why should Government wait for the question to be put ?

Mr. President: Government are taking action to reply this question. The general question of giving assistance to these cultivators, to encourage them either to construct new private eries or re-constructing the old ones, and takiyg action to prevent further conversion of eries into cultivated land is under active consideration.

Mr. T. S. Ramachandra Ayyar *(Chittur-Tattamangalam):* My point is that Government will do well to insist upon parties to keep these reservoirs as reservoirs and to penalise them if the reservoirs are converted into nilams.

Mr. A. Madhava Prabhu *(Diwan Peishkar):* Yes.

Mr. A. Eachara Menon *(Chittur-Rural):* How is the irrigation system affected by filling up the low-lying eries ?

Mr. A. Madhava Prabhu *(Diwan Peishkar):* The question was not with reference to eries which are at a lower level. But it is that in cases in which it is not possible to store water, it means a pressure on the irrigation scheme.

Mr. T. S. Ramachandra Ayyar *(Chittur-Tattamangalam):* Low-lying reservoirs may be allowed to be converted into nilams. But when reservoirs assessed as parambas are converted into nilams by people taking undue advantage of the irrigation facilities given by Government, they should certainly be penalised. That is my point. Anyhow, Government will do well to take a list of such conversions.

STANDARD PARA—TAMPERING OF

110. Mr. T. S. Ramachandra Ayyar *(Chittur-Tattamangalam):* Will Government be pleased to state.—

(*a*) the contents in ounzes of our standard para ;

(*b*) whether the standard para used for measuring paddy purchased by Government in Chittur, was tampered with and enlarged by the Chittur Tahsildar ;

(*c*) if so, why ;

(*d*) by how many ounzes was the para enlarged ;

(*e*) were there complaints from producers when the para was enlarged ;

(*f*) was the enlarged para again corrected and if so, when ;

(*g*) how many paras of paddy were purchased by Government with the para so enlarged ;

(*h*) are not the parties who were compelled to measure out paddy with this enlarged para entitled to the value of paddy taken in excess from them ;

(*i*) are Government in receipt of petitions claiming the value of paddy taken in excess from parties ;

(*j*) have Government prepared a list of persons victimised and the number of paras taken in excess from each ?

Mr. A. Madhava Prabhu *(Diwan Peishkar):* (*a*) 440 ounzes of water.

(*b*) No. The para used for measuring paddy was tested and standardised so as to hold 440 ounzes of water as the one used then was thought to be not correct.

(*c*) On testing the paras with the ounze glass in the Taluk Office it was found that they can hold only 412½ ounzes of water.

(*d*) 27½ ounzes.

(*e*) Yes.

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